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SUBJECT: DEATH CASE: RICHARD LEE TIMSON

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REF: ATHENS 12884

1. REFTEL DELIVERED BY WESTERN UNION TO MRS. RYERSON AT ADDRESS INDICATED ON DEC 4. HOWEVER, AS DEATH NOTIFICATIONS ARE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO WESTERN UNION FACILITIES FOR DELIVERY TO ADDRESSEES BY DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATION CENTER, (NOT BY SCS OFFICER), WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT MRS. RYERSON HAD NOT RESPONDED AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. ON BASIS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF HOLMES, WE CONTACTED DECEASED'S BROTHER, JOHN TIMSON THROUGH MOLINE POLICE. MR. JOHN TIMSON ADVISED THAT MRS. RYERSON'S TELEPHONE HAD BEEN TURNED OFF PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FOR TEXAS VIA AUTOMOBILE. MR. TIMSON WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFO RE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS PRIOR TO CONTACTING MRS. RYERSON. HE, THEREFORE, CONTACTED LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN TEXAS FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MRS. RYERSON. MR. TIMSON ALSO REPORTED THAT DECEASED HAD BEEN MARRIED AND DIVORCED TWICE. DECEASED HAS 6 CHILDREN, THREE BY EACH MARRIAGE, BUT MR. TIMSON COULD NOT PROVIDE INFO RE THEIR WHEREABOUTS AT THAT TIME.

2. MR. TIMSON LATER REPORTED THAT POLICE AUTHORITIES

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LOCATED MRS. RYERSON IN TRAILOR PARK IN TEXAS. ACCORDING TO MR. TIMSON THE DECEASED REPORTEDLY ADVISED MRS. RYERSON SOME YEARS AGO OF HIS DESIRE TO BE BURIED AT SEA. DEPARTMENT ALSO CONTACTED DECEASED'S OLDEST DAUGHTER, RIKKI SLAGLE TO CONFIRM INFO RE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. MRS. SLAGLE CONFIRMED THAT REMAINS WERE TO BE BURIED AT SEA AS INDICATED BY MRS. RYERSON.

3. DECEASED'S CHILDREN ARE AS FOLLOWS: RIKKI SLAGLE, KEVIN, ANDRIENNE, KEVIN, STEVEN AND MICHAEL TIMSON. THE LATTER THREE CHILDREN ARE UNDER 12 YEARS AND RESIDE WITH DECEASED'S SECOND WIFE, MRS. EILEEN HANSEN, 161 MERCER ST., APT 5A SONERVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08876. MRS. RIKKI SLAGLE RESIDES, C/O MRS. HELEN KEEL, ROUTE 1, BOX 392, OCEAN PARK, WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NO INFO RE W/W KEVIN AND ANDRIENNE TIMSON.

4. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED MR. JOHN TIMSON TO ADVISE THAT LOCAL BURIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE AT 1300 HRS DEC 7. MR. TIMSON STATES THAT SINCE THE DECEASED GAVE 20 YRS TO MILITARY, HE FAILS TO UNDERSTAND WHY USAF AUTHORITIES IN GREECE COULD NOT ARRANGE FOR BURIAL AT SEA. CAN POST ADVISE WHETHER GREEK LA' PROHIBITS TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS TO SEA FOR BURIAL? MR. TIMSON ALSO ADVISED THAT FAMILY WILL PROBABLY REQUEST DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS. IF BURIAL DID NOT TAKE PLACE AS INDICATED REFTEL, CAN POST PERSUADE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO HOLD REMAINS FOR ADDITIONAL DAY. ROBINSON

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